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COAL, MANGANESE, LEAD, AND QUARTZ MINE PLANS;
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SERBIAN COAL MINE MEETS PLAN -- Borba, No 292, 4 Dec 48

The workers' collective of the Rtanj coal mine has won first place for operating efficiency among all mines of national significance, although only 35 percent of its pitmen are skilled. During the first three quarters of 1948 the plan was not realized, and in October it failed by 5 percent; but working efficiency rose that month to 177 percent.

Although manpower at the mine is at only 40 percent of the strength called for in the plan, the 1948 production plan has been fulfilled.

SERBIAN MINE EXPANDS -- Borba, No 299, 12 Dec 48

A new pit has just been opened at the Vrška Cuka [coal] mine and is now in use. Preliminary work on the pit began early in August, and is scheduled to be finished on 1 January.

AERIAL ROPEWAY AT SERBIAN MINE -- Borba, No 294, 6 Dec 48

On 29 November a large new aerial ropeway for transporting coal was put into operation at the Aleksinac coal mines.

TO EXPLOIT OIL-SHALE DEPOSITS -- Borba, No 17, 20 Jan 49

Peasants from Kraljevo, Vukup, and Subotinac have built a road from the main highway to Mount Priljak [near the Aleksinac coal mines], where the oil-shale deposits lie, and are now preparing the ground for exploitation of the shale. Regular mining of the shale and production of petroleum will begin as soon as the snow melts, although there is no "Einskop" [not identified] or similar-type furnace in Yugoslavia.

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MAGNESITE MINE IN SERBIA - Borba, No 300, 13 Dec 48

On 24 November, 37 days ahead of schedule, the magnesite mine at Drenica fulfilled its 1948 plan for raw magnesite production, and on 10 December fulfilled its plan for roasted magnesite.

Operations are considerably hampered by the fact that the railroad line used by the mine is 13 kilometers away.

NEW COAL MINE IN BOSNIA -- Borba, No 303, 16 Dec 48

An industrial railroad 1,300 meters long, which has just been completed in Dobojski Srez, will make it possible to begin exploitation of the new coal mine of local significance at Busletic, near Dobojski. The mine will supply coal to industrial enterprises and citizens in Dobojski.

The industrial railroad extends to the road, where the coal is loaded into trucks.

NEW PIT AT A BOSNIAN COAL MINE -- Borba, No 293, 5 Dec 48

A new pit was opened a few days ago at the local coal mine at Miljevinu [near Foca]. This will greatly increase production at the mine, which has already fulfilled its 1948 plan 105 percent.

PROBLEMS OF A BOSNIAN MINE -- Borba, No 303, 16 Dec 48

The "Tito" coal mine at Tuzla should be able to meet its 1948 plan by 29 December if it can obtain electric power regularly to make full use of its mechanical equipment.

The mine also suffers from a manpower shortage and deficiencies in the supply service. By 13 December, the December allotments of fats, sugar, and soap had not arrived. The dining rooms also should be neater and cleaner.

BOSNIAN MANGANESE MINE MEETS PLAN -- Politika, No 13086, 20 Nov 48

The Cevljanovic manganese mine in Samizovac completed its 1948 production plan on 15 November, 46 days ahead of schedule, and is now working under its 1949 plan.

PRODUCTION IN A MACEDONIAN MINE -- Borba, No 303, 16 Dec 48

Although the Zletovo lead mine exceeded its production plan by 4.5 percent in January [1948] and by one percent in February and March, it has fallen consistently below its quotas since May. The mine realized only 56 percent of its plan in June, 39.7 percent in July, 31.3 percent in August, and 48 percent in September. Thanks to improved discipline of workers, however, achievement rose to 87.3 percent of the plan in November, and the daily plans were being exceeded during the first 10 days of December. The plan for this 10-day period was realized 109 percent.

POWER FOR A SLOVENIAN MINE -- Borba, No 303, 16 Dec 48

Current capital building at the Idrija mine includes repair of the dam belonging to the mine's electric-power plant. After the dam was carried away by high water during the summer, the mine received weak and intermittent current

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at considerable expense from the State Slovenian Power Plant. Plenty of power will be available as soon as the repairs are completed.

PROSPECTING FOR MINERALS -- Politika, No 13106, 13 Dec 48

The Enterprise for Deep Drilling, assisted by the Geological Institute, has covered almost all of Yugoslavia in the course of its campaign of prospecting for new deposits of lignite, brown coal, nonferrous metals, and iron ore. Particular attention has been paid to those areas which are rich in minerals but have never been prospected, especially in Montenegro and Macedonia.

QUARTZ SAND MINES MEET PLAN -- Borba, No 292, 4 Dec 48

Rijeka -- The Istrian quartz sand mines have completed their 1948 production plan 35 days ahead of schedule.

NEW MINE SUPERINTENDENTS -- Borba, No 20, 24 Jan 49

Seventy-seven students at the School for Mine Superintendents in Trepcja have just passed the final examination, after completing a 2 1/2-year course. Heretofore, 26 students have successfully completed the course. The new mine superintendents will be placed in various Yugoslav mines.

NEW AERIAL ROPEWAY -- Borba, No 20, 24 Jan 49

A 380-meter-long aerial ropeway was begun early in January at Mostarski Rudnik [the Mostar Mine], after work in the mine had ceased for lack of machinery.

BEST MINERS IN SLOVENIA -- Borba, No 20, 24 Jan 49

The collective of the Velenje mine has been proclaimed the best collective of the Slovenian mining industry for the fourth quarter of 1948. Second place in Group A was awarded to the Trbovlje mine, and third place to Zagorje.

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